

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. ~~(currently amended)~~ A gasket material that is manufactured from a joint seat having two or three layers of structure, wherein said joint seat is prepared by: ~~that is made from an ingredient made by~~

mixing and kneading an ingredient rubber, reinforced fiber and filler, then and

pressurized laminating and vulcanizing said ingredient to form said joint seat,

characterized in that said reinforced fiber is as a sort of fibril which is composed from one or both of organic fiber and non-asbestos type inorganic fiber, and at least a part of said filler is spicular inorganic fiber and its composition is 10wt% - 45wt% wherein said ingredient comprises:

a reinforcing fiber that is aramid fiber over 15% by weight,

a rubber material that is NBR at 10 - 30% by weight,

a phenolic antioxidant at 2 - 26% by weight,

a spicular inorganic fiber that is a magnesium silica hydrate at 2 - 26% by weight, and

the remainder is inorganic filler.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The gasket material according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said spicular inorganic fiber has 40 μm - 200 μm of major axis of the particle.

5-13. (canceled)

14. (new) A gasket material comprising a joint seat having two or three layers of structure, wherein said joint seat is prepared by:

mixing and kneading an ingredient and
pressurized laminating and vulcanizing said ingredient
to form said joint seat,

wherein said ingredient comprises:
a reinforcing fiber that is aramid fiber over 15% by
weight,

a rubber material that is NBR at 10 - 30% by weight,
a phenolic antioxidant at 2 - 26% by weight,
a spicular inorganic fiber that is a magnesium silica
hydrate at 2 - 26% by weight, and
the remainder is inorganic filler.